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TO: HQ @ EMH2, AT @ EMH1, NY @ EMH1

FROM: MM @ EMH2

SUBJECT: 194/0064 ROUTINE

DATE: 14 JUL 87 09:35:34 GMT

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TEXT:

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FM MIAMI (1855-2341) (P)

TO ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI ROUTINE

(ATTN: [REDACTED] ORGANIZED CRIME SECTION)

ATLANTA ROUTINE

(ATTN: SA [REDACTED])

BROOKLYN-QUEENS (ATTN: SA [REDACTED]) ROUTINE

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NATALIE RICHICHI, AKA CHRIS COSTA, JOHN COSTA, J. COSTA, BIG

CHRIS, EUG HARRY, MR. SAM, CHRISTIE RICHICHI

VICTIM: RICO - EST - ITOM; OO:MIAMI

RE MIAMI TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR DATED 5/15/87, AND MIAMI

TELEPHONE CALL TO ORGANIZED CRIME SUPERVISOR [REDACTED] ON

7/1/87.

MIAMI FBI IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MIAMI ORGANIZED CRIME

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STRIKE FORCE, AND THE METROPOLITAN ORGANIZED CRIME INTELLIGENCE UNIT HAVE RECENTLY INSTITUTED INVESTIGATION IN CAPTIONED MATTERS. NATALIE RICHICHI WAS SELECTED BY THIS OFFICE DUE TO AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION, INTEREST IN OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND THE RISING ACTIVITY OF THE SUBJECT AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GAMING CRIME FAMILY.

FOR INFORMATION OF ATLANTA AND NEW YORK, THE FOLLOWING SUCINCT HISTORY OF THE GAMING CRIME FAMILY AS IT RELATES TO THIS INVESTIGATION IS SET FORTH AS FOLLOWS:

ETTORE ZAFFI, DAVID IACOVETTI, [REDACTED] AND JOE

PATERNI, HAVE BEEN THE FOUR ACTIVE CAPOS OF THE GAMING FAMILY IN THE SOUTH FLORIDA AREA. JOE PATERNI IS CURRENTLY INCARCERATED AND THIS OFFICE ANTICIPATES FUTURE BILLS OF INDICTMENT TO BE

PRESENTED TO THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY. DAVID IACOVETTI AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAVE BEEN INVESTIGATED, HOWEVER, NO CURRENT COOPERATING WITNESS OR INFORMANTS ARE WILLING TO TESTIFY OR PROVIDE USEFUL INFORMATION THAT WOULD LEAD TO SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTION. ETTORE ZAFFI DIED IN APPROXIMATELY AUGUST OF LAST YEAR. THE FOLLOWING IS SET FORTH TO GRASP THE SIGNIFICANCE OF HIS POSITION IN THE GAMING HIERARCHY AND HIS DEATH. ZAFFI HAS BEEN PUBLICALLY

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IDENTIFIED IN THE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE HEARINGS AS A CAPO IN THE GAMBINO CRIME FAMILY. HE ALSO WAS VERY INFLUENTIAL WITH PAUL CASTELLANO WHILE HIS RULE OF THE FAMILY. CASTELLANO WAS A REGULAR HOUSE GUEST OF ZAPPI WHILE VISITING SOUTH FLORIDA. ZAPPI WAS A KEY FIGURE FOR THE GAMBINO IN RELATION TO DISTRIBUTION OF PORNOGRAPHY AND ADULT BOOKSTORE OPERATIONS. HE WORKED CLOSELY WITH ROBERT DIBERNARDO, WHO WAS PROSECUTED IN THE MIAMI BASED MIRPORN INVESTIGATION AND IS CURRENTLY BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN MURDERED. DIBERNARDO RAN THE FAMOUS STAR DISTRIBUTORS. IN NEW YORK. ZAPPI ALSO CONTROLLED GAMING PORNOGRAPHY IN CALIFORNIA. FOR THAT PURPOSE HE USED [REDACTED] A DOCUMENTED ARSONIST, PUBLISHER OF GAY MAGAZINES AND OPERATOR OF GAY CLUBS. IN MIAMI ZAPPI USED [REDACTED] FOR PEEPSHOWS, BOOKSTORES AND PROSTITUTION. DURING THE EARLY SEVENTIES, NATALIE RICHICHI HELPED ZAPPI WITH THE GAMING PORNOGRAPHY BUSINESS UNTIL ZAPPI BECAME ANGRY WITH RICHICHI AND MADE HIM LEAVE THE AREA. RICHICHI MOVED TO LOS ANGELES AND IS INVOLVED WITH [REDACTED] A CONVICTED PORNOGRAPHER FROM THE PARTIARCA CRIME FAMILY. HE IS ALSO A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF JOHN LOUIS AGUILANTE, A SUBJECT IN SAN DIEGO FILE 186A-764. ETTORE ZAPPI ALSO CONTROLLED THE LARGE

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PROFITABLE RESTAURANT CHAIN NAMED BOBBY RUBINS. ZAPPI USED HIS GRANDSON [REDACTED] AS FRONTS FOR THE RESTAURANTS AND A LOCAL MARINA. ZAPPI ALSO OWNED SEVERAL STRIP JOINTS IN THIS AREA.

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RICHICHI FIRST RE-SURFACED ON THE EAST COAST AT THE WAKE OF ZAPPI AS EVIDENCED BY SURVEILLANCE PHOTOGRAPHS PROVIDED BY THE BORA. THE NEXT TIME RICHICHI BECAME SIGNIFICANT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT IN SOUTH FLORIDA WAS IN A SURVEILLANCE OF GAMBINO CAPO DAVID IACOVETTI. RICHICHI COMMONLY MEETS WITH BOTH DAVID IACOVETTI AND [REDACTED] SINCE THAT TIME SEVERAL MONTHS AGO RICHICHI HAS BECOME MORE ACTIVE IN THE EXTENT THAT HE WAS THE ONLY GAMBINO CRIME FIGURE TO MEET JO-N GOTTI ON FOUR SEPARATE OCCASIONS, WHILE VISITING FORT LAUDERDALE. RICHICHI ROUTINELY TRAVELS TO NEW YORK CITY AND IS BELIEVED TO BE MEETING WITH

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[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WHO ARE KNOWN TO BE PART OF JOHN GOTTI'S CREW IN NEW YORK CITY. SINCE THAT TIME IT BECAME APPARENT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT RICHICHI WAS GAINING CONTROL OF ZAPPI'S POSITION SUBSEQUENT TO HIS DEATH, HOWEVER, NO ONE HAD ANY SOURCE INFORMATION TO THAT AFFECT. ON [REDACTED] (PROTECT IDENTITY) [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AS HE EXPRESSED A

WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH THE FBI CONCERNING INFORMATION OF A  
CRIMINAL NATURE [REDACTED] THE INITIAL

INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS ATTORNEY, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS

INCARCERATION. [REDACTED] AND MIAMI SPECIAL AGENTS.

THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTS AN OVERVIEW [REDACTED]

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TO: HQ2 @ EMH2, AT @ EMH1, NY @ EMH1

FROM: MM @ EMH2

SUBJECT: 194/0065 ROUTINE

DATE: 14 JUL 87 09:40:16 GMT

CC:

TEXT:

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RR HQ AT BQ

DE MM #0065 1940010

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FM MIAMI (183B-2341) (P)

TO ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI ROUTINE

(ATTN: [REDACTED] ORGANIZED CRIME SECTION)

ATLANTA ROUTINE

(ATTN: SA [REDACTED])

BROOKLYN-QUEENS ROUTINE

(ATTN: SA [REDACTED])

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NATALIE RICHICHI, AKA CHRIS COSTA, JOHN COSTA, J. COSTA, BIG

CHRIS, BIG HARRY, MR. SAM, CHRISTIE RICHICHI; [REDACTED]

VICTIM: RICO - ECT - ITOM; OO:MIAMI

[REDACTED] HAD WITH ETTORE ZAPPI.

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[REDACTED]

SINCE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN CONNECTION WITH  
THE ATLANTA CLUB AND [REDACTED] CONCERNING THE ATLANTA CLUB  
AND THE PEEPSHOW MACHINES IN SOUTH FLORIDA. ON [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MIAMI THEN CONTACTED

[REDACTED] ORGANIZED CRIME SUPERVISOR, AND ADVISED HIM

EMERGENCY AUTHORITY WAS NEEDED FOR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MIAMI STRIKE  
FORCE ATTORNEY, AFTER BEING APPRISED OF THE FACTS, STATED THERE  
WERE NO ENTRAPMENT PROBLEMS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
WOULD SIGN AN FD-473. IT WAS FURTHER EXPLAINED TO [REDACTED] THE  
RECORDING DEVICE WOULD ONLY BE ACTIVATED WHILE THE CONSENTING  
PARTY WAS PRESENT. AUTHORITY WAS ALSO REQUESTED FOR MEETINGS  
WITH CAPTIONED SUBJECT AND OTHERS YET UNKNOWN. EMERGENCY

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AUTHORITY WAS GRANTED BY [REDACTED] ON 7/1/87.

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ATLANTA, AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA, CONTACT DETECTIVE [REDACTED] OF  
DE KALB COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND OBTAIN NECESSARY INFORMATION

TO [REDACTED]

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BROOKLYN-QUEENS RA. OBTAIN SUBSCRIBER INFORMATION FOR THE  
FOLLOWING NUMBERS CALLED BY [REDACTED] WHILE IN SOUTH FLORIDA:

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In Reply, Please Refer to SA [redacted]

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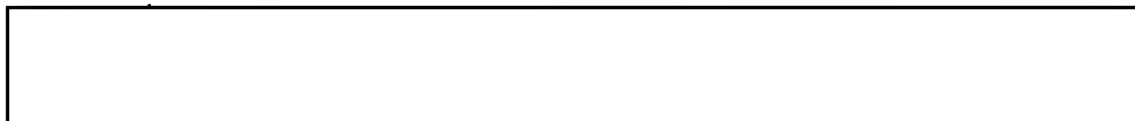
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Dear Sir:



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Your personal attention in protecting the confidential nature of our inquiry to this matter is greatly appreciated, and I wish to express my thanks for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

*John L. Hogan*

JOHN L. HOGAN  
Assistant Director in Charge

*Handwritten:* BQ 1838-3625-3

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In Reply, Please Refer to SA [redacted]

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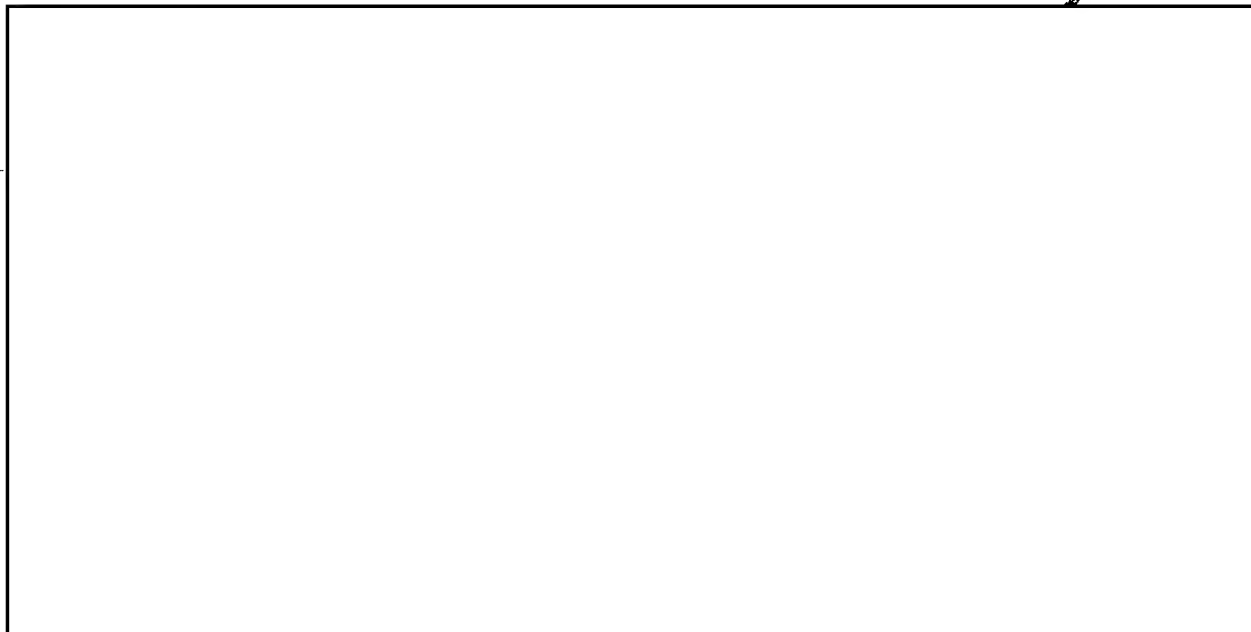
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Assistant Director in Charge



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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DATE: 7/28/87

TO : SAC, MIAMI (183B-2341) (P)

FROM : ADIC, NEW YORK (BQ 183B-3625) (C-16)

SUBJECT: NATALIE RICHICHI, aka  
Chris Costa, John Costa,  
J. Costa, Big Chris,  
Big Harry, Mr. Sam,  
Christie Richichi;

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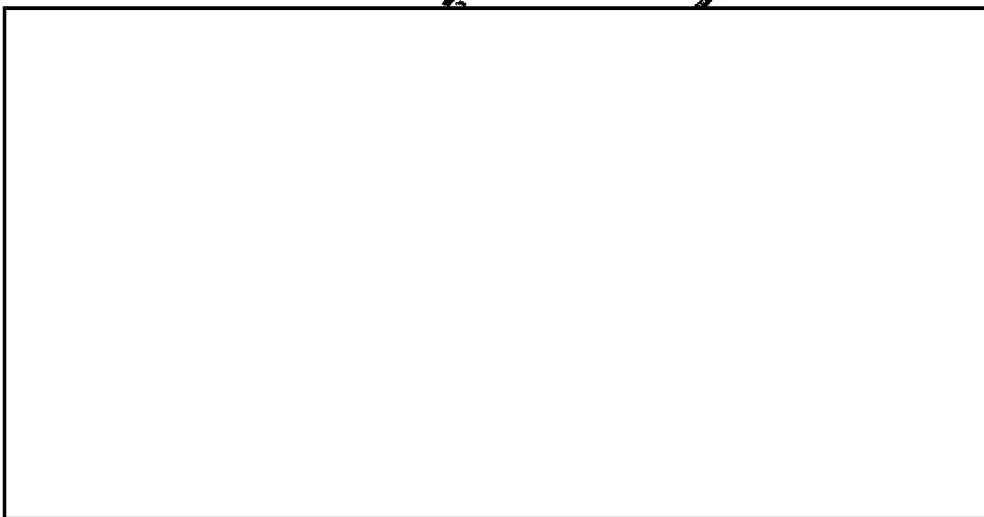
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Re Miami teletype to BQMRA, dated July 14, 1987.

[REDACTED], as set forth in referenced teletype, are as follows:



2 - Miami (183B-2341)

① - New York (BQ 183A-3625)

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Indices checks of subscribers provided negative except as follows:

[redacted]  
telephone number [redacted] is probably [redacted] ANTHONY  
"SHORTIE" MASCUZZIO (GAMBINO LCN family soldier).

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AIRTEL

DATE: 8/6/87

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
(Attn: Supv. STAN RONQUIST - OC Section/CID)

FROM : ADIC, NEW YORK (BQ 183B-3625) (P) (C-16)  
(BQ 183A-2223)

SUBJECT: NATALE RICHICHI, aka  
Chris Costa, John Costa,  
J. Costa, Big Chris, Big Harry,  
Mr. Sam, Christie Richichi;  
[redacted] - VICTIM  
RICO (B) - ECT; ITOM  
(OO: MIAMI 183B-2341)  
(AO: BQ 183-3625)

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ROBERT DI BERNARDO, aka  
ET AL  
RICO (A)  
(OO: BQ 183A-2223)

Re telecals of Supv. [redacted] (Bureau) to BQ, and  
BQ to Supv. [redacted] (Bureau) on 8/5/87.

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Enclosed for the Bureau (Supv. [redacted]) is one  
information copy of Miami teletype to BQ dated 7/14/87, captioned  
as above, Miami file # 183B-2341.

For the information of the Bureau, on 6/5/87, Gambino  
LCN Family Capo ROBERT DI BERNARDO disappeared. BQ received top  
eschealon, highly reliable source information shortly afterward  
that DI BERNARDO had been murdered by other members of the  
Gambino LCN Family. DI BERNARDO had been a partner in Star  
Distributors, a major nationwide distributor of pornographic  
materials/literature based in New York City.

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Although BQ has excellent source coverage of the Gambino LCN Family, no information has surfaced indicating a Gambino LCN Family member has replaced DI BERNARDO in Star Distributors. Additionally, a major [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The enclosed teletype from Miami indicates Gambino LCN Family Soldier NATALE RICHICHI is currently under investigation by Miami for the possible extorting of money from an individual involved in the pornography business. As stated in the Miami teletype, RICHICHI did meet with GOTTI in the Spring of 1987, in Ft. Lauderdale. However, extremely reliable source information, obtained in New York, revealed RICHICHI was trying to ingratiate himself with the new "Boss" and pornography was not a topic of discussion.

Miami teletype also indicated RICHICHI has frequently travelled to New York and met with [REDACTED] and ANTHONY MASCUZZIO, who are part of GOTTI's crew in New York. MASCUZZIO is a recently "made" Gambino soldier, and [REDACTED] is an associate of MASCUZZIO's. Excellent source coverage of MASCUZZIO indicates his activities are primarily centered on cocaine distribution, loan sharking, gambling and murder. Neither [REDACTED] nor MASCUZZIO is reported to be involved in pornography.

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On August 27, 1987, [redacted] provided the following information to Special Agent [redacted] and Supervisory Special Agent [redacted]

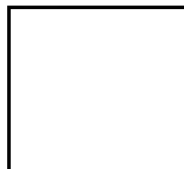
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Source advised that the two main concerns in JOHN GOTTI's life at the time are the reorganization of the GAMBINO Family in New York, and his fear of being indicted and imprisoned. As a result, Florida and California are wide open as far as he is concerned. No one individual is in charge of the GAMBINO Family in either area. GAMBINO soldier CHRIS RICHICHI may have taken over DI BERNARDO's pornography empire, but he definitely is not in charge of GOTTI's operations in Florida.

INFORMATION HEREIN OBTAINED CONFIDENTIALLY;  
UNLESS INDICATED OTHERWISE WITH CASE AGENT  
HEREIN IS NOT TO BE DISCLOSED  
AND DEFINITELY NOT TO BE DISCLOSED THAT THIS PERSON WILL  
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FROM: LV @ EMH2

SUBJECT: 246/0011 ROUTINE

DATE: 4 SEP 07 02:24:18 GMT

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FM LAS VEGAS (145B-521) (P)

TO ACTING DIRECTOR (ROUTINE)

CHICAGO (ROUTINE)

CLEVELAND (145B-1137) (ROUTINE)

HOUSTON (145D 563) (ROUTINE)

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ATTN: (FBIHQ) PERSONAL CRIMES UNIT - SSA [REDACTED]

REUBEN STURMAN, AKA; RALPH LEON LEVINE, AKA; ET AL; ITOM;

OO: LAS VEGAS.

BLUE DARCY; MAJOR CASE 95; ITOM; OO: CLEVELAND.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF FBIHQ AND RECEIVING OFFICES,

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED BY VARIOUS LAW ENFORCEMENT SOURCES.

IN APPROXIMATELY APRIL 1987, A BIG MEETING OCCURRED IN THE MIAMI, FLORIDA AREA (PROBABLY FT. LAUDERDALE) WHEREIN UNVERIFIED LCN MEMBER, NATALE RICHICHI, WAS APPOINTED IN CHARGE OF ALL PORNOGRAPHY OPERATIONS FOR THE GAMING LCN ORGANIZED CRIME FAMILY.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT LCN FIGURE JOHN GOTTI TRAVELED ON AN AMTRAK TRAIN FROM NEW YORK CITY TO THE MIAMI AREA FOR THIS MEETING, AND THAT RICHICHI MAY HAVE TAKEN OVER THE DUTIES OF THE DECEASED LCN MEMBER, ETTORE ZAPPI.

DURING AUGUST 16-20, 1987, THE VIDEO SOFTWARE DISTRIBUTORS ASSOCIATION (VSDA) CONVENTION TOOK PLACE IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, AND THE MAJOR PORNOGRAPHERS INVOLVED IN VIDEO HAD BOOTHS SET UP IN THEIR OWN SECTION OF THE CONVENTION AREA.

SUPPOSEDLY, DURING THE VSDA, [REDACTED] OF STAR DISTRIBUTORS, NEW YORK, (MISSING LCN MEMBER ROBERT "DEBE" DIBERNARDO USED TO BE HIS BOSS), SET UP A MEETING BETWEEN REUBEN STURMAN AND NATALE RICHICHI IN LAS VEGAS, WHEREIN RICHICHI TOLD STURMAN, "YOU'RE NO LONGER IN PORNOGRAPHY."

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IT IS BELIEVED THAT [REDACTED] WAS THE MOST LOGICAL GO-BETWEEN.

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IN THE ABSENCE OF DIBERNARDO TO SET UP THE MEETING IN LAS VEGAS  
BETWEEN STURMAN AND RICHICHI.

LEADS:

RECEIVING OFFICES ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT FBI OC SQUADS  
AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN YOUR RESPECTIVE DIVISIONS, AND  
ALL LOGICAL SOURCES IN ATTEMPTS TO VERIFY AND DEVELOP ANY  
FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE ABOVE STATEMENTS.

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INBOX.15 (#3389)

TO: HQ2 @ EMH2, NK @ EMH1, NY @ EMH1

FROM: MM @ EMH2

SUBJECT: 275/0009 ROUTINE

DATE: 3 OCT 87 00:24:25 GMT

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FM MIAMI (183B-2341) (P)

TO ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI ROUTINE

NEWARK (SQUAD C-4) ROUTINE

NEW YORK (BROOKLYN-QUEENS RA) ROUTINE

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ATTENTION FBIHQ/SSA [REDACTED] ATTENTION NEWARK/SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ATTENTION NEW YORK/ SA [REDACTED] BROOKLYN-QUEENS  
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NATALIE RICHICHI; ET AL; RICO - ECT - ITOM; OO:MIAMI

RETELCALL TO SA [REDACTED] NEWARK, AND SA [REDACTED]  
NEW YORK DIVISION

FOR THE INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES, ON 10/1/87,  
NATALIE RICHICHI BOARDED EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER 746,  
DEPARTING MIAMI AT 12:05 PM, WITH A DESTINATION OF NEWARK, NEW  
JERSEY. AT THE TIME RICHICHI BOARDED THIS FLIGHT A PHYSICAL

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SURVEILLANCE WAS BEING CONDUCTED BY THE METROPOLITAN INTELLIGENCE UNIT (MIU) IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MIAMI INVESTIGATION. TWO MIU DETECTIVES SURVEILLING RICHICHI ALSO BOARDED THIS EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT IN AN EFFORT TO MAINTAIN THE SURVEILLANCE OF RICHICHI. SA [REDACTED] NEWARK, WAS TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED OF THIS SITUATION BY MIAMI AND [REDACTED] AGREED TO ASSIST THE MIU DETECTIVES WITH THE SURVEILLANCE UPON ARRIVAL IN NEWARK.

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IN ABOVE REFERENCED TELCALL TO SA [REDACTED] NEW YORK, IT WAS LEARNED THAT RICHICHI WAS PROBABLY ENROUTE TO A WEDDING THAT WAS TO TAKE PLACE ON STATEN ISLAND INVOLVING ANTHONY "SONNY" CICCONE. SA [REDACTED] WAS ADVISED OF THE SURVEILLANCE BEING CONDUCTED BY THE MIU DETECTIVES AND SA [REDACTED] OF NEWARK AND AGREED TO ASSIST WITH ANY SURVEILLANCE THAT MIGHT BE CONDUCTED AT THIS WEDDING.

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FOR THE INFORMATION OF NEW YORK, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT AUGUSTUS "AUGIE" CORRAO, A GAMBINO "SOLDIER," HAS RECENTLY BEEN MEETING WITH NATALIE RICHICHI AND DAVID IACOVETTI ON A REGULAR BASIS IN MIAMI. MIAMI HAS CONFIRMED THE IDENTITY OF CORRAO AFTER CORRAO WAS STOPPED FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION BY LOCAL LAW

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ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ON 9/29/87. AT THE TIME OF THIS TRAFFIC STOP CORRAO WAS DRIVING A VEHICLE REGISTERED TO LOUIS FERBER, WHO MIAMI HAS DETERMINED IS DECEASED. CORRAO PRODUCED IDENTIFICATION IN THE NAME OF AUGUSTUS CORRAO, DATE OF BIRTH 7/9/33. THIS INFORMATION WAS TELEPHONICALLY RELAYED TO SA [ ] IN REFERENCED TELCALL AND SA [ ] ADVISED MIAMI THAT NEW YORK WAS IN POSSESSION OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF CORRAO.

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MIAMI DIVISION WISHES TO COMMEND THE NEWARK DIVISION FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH NEWARK EXPEDITIOUSLY RESPONDED TO MIAMI'S REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN MAINTAINING THE SURVEILLANCE OF RICHICHI IN NEWARK.

NEW YORK, AT BROOKLYN-QUEENS, NEW YORK, 1) NEW YORK IS REQUESTED TO EXPEDITIOUSLY FURNISH MIAMI WITH A PHOTOGRAPH OF AUGUSTUS "AUGIE" CORRAO AND HIS BROTHER JOSEPH VINCENT CORRAO.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

AIRTEL

DATE: 10/7/87

TO : SAC, MIAMI (183B-2341) (P)

FROM : ADIC, NEW YORK (BQ 183B-3625) (P) (C-16)

SUBJECT: NATALE RICHICHI;  
ET AL;  
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Re Miami teletype to Brooklyn-Queens, dated October 3, 1987, and Miami telephone call to Brooklyn-Queens on October 1, 1987.

Enclosed for Miami are two photographs each of JOSEPH CORRAO and AUGUSTUS CORRAO.

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On October 3, 1987, Sergeant [redacted] and Detective [redacted] of the Metropolitan Organized Crime Intelligence Unit (Miami area) met with Special Agent (SA) [redacted] at the Brooklyn-Queens Metropolitan Resident Agency (BQMRA), Queens, New York, regarding the ongoing surveillance of subject NATALE RICHICHI from the Miami area to the New York City area, initiated on October 1, 1987.

SA [redacted] Detective [redacted] Sergeant [redacted] together with Special Investigator [redacted] (U.S Attorney's office, Southern District of New York), and detectives from the District Attorney's offices of Brooklyn and Queens, proceeded to the El Caribe County Club, 5945 Strickland Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, for the purpose of conducting a physical and photographic surveillance of a wedding reception for the son or daughter of GAMBINO LCN Family Capo Regime, ANTHONY "SONNY" CICCONE.

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The following high ranking members of the GAMBINO LCN Family were observed entering the El Caribe during the period of the surveillance:

- 2-Miami (183B-2341) (Encls. 4)  
1-New York (Brooklyn-Queens 183B-3625)

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
JOHN GOTTI	Boss
JOSEPH ARMONE	Underboss
[REDACTED]	Consigliere
JOSEPH CORRAO	Capo
JAMES FAILLA	Capo
JOSEPH ARCURI	Capo
[REDACTED]	Capo
[REDACTED]	Capo
[REDACTED]	Capo
ANTHONY "SONNY" CICCONE	Capo
RALPH MOSCA	Capo
FRANK DAPOLITO	Capo
[REDACTED]	Capo
[REDACTED]	Capo

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Numerous other GAMBINO LCN Family members, including NATALE RICHICHI and ANTHONY "SHORTIE" MASCUZZIO (who arrived together) also were observed.

Referenced Miami teletype set forth a lead for Brooklyn-Queens to provide the enclosed photographs of JOSEPH "JOE BUTCH" CORRAO and AUGUSTUS "AUGIE" CORRAO.

Investigation continuing at Brooklyn-Queens.

# Memorandum



To : ADIC, NEW YORK (BQ 92-9282)

Date 10/8/87

From : SUPERVISER [REDACTED] (C-16)

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Subject : GAMBINO LCN FAMILY CONTROL FILE

On 10/7/87, Detective [REDACTED], Los Angeles Police Department (213-485-5261), furnished the following intelligence information regarding the GAMBINO Family:

[REDACTED] advised that GAMBINO soldier GUIDO PENOSI has been a frequent visitor to the LA area. His most recent visit occurred during the week of 9/22-29/87. During this time, he had three meetings with [REDACTED]. Normally, after coming to LA, PENOSI will fly to NY for two days and then return to his residence in Florida. During his recent visit in LA, he made three phone calls which were captured by the PD. On 9/24/87, he made two phone calls to [REDACTED] and on 9/26/87, he made one call to [REDACTED]. He also made a call to his residence at [REDACTED].

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The PD has also covered meetings between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] associate [REDACTED] [REDACTED] resides somewhere in the LA area.

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Also GAMBINO soldier NATALE RICHICI has a \$600,000.00 residence in the LA area. However, nobody lives there and RICHICI has not been seen in LA since February of 1987.

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Search of Cole's Directory revealed that telephone number [REDACTED] is a published number subscribed to by a [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. Telephone number [REDACTED] is a non-published number.

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Detective [ ] agreed to furnish a photo to BQ of GUIDO PENOSI. He also volunteered that if any surveillances or other investigation need to be conducted in the LA area, he and his unit, comprised to 50 detectives, would be more than happy to a accommodate the FBI, NY.

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## TRANSMIT VIA:

☐ Teletype  
☐ Facsimile  
☒ AIRTEL

## PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate  
☐ Priority  
☐ Routine

## CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET  
☐ SECRET  
☐ CONFIDENTIAL  
☐ UNCLAS E F T O  
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Date 9/7/87

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TO: SAC, MIAMI (183B-2341)  
 FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (183B-1216) (P) (SQ 10)  
 SUBJECT: NATALIE RICHICHI, aka  
 ET AL. [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] - VICTIM;  
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Reference Miami teletype to Bureau dated 7/14/87.

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Enclosed for Miami is one insert reflecting information  
 furnished by [REDACTED] - OC.

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For the information of receiving offices not  
 in receipt of referenced teletype, Atlanta currently has  
 [REDACTED] and the

[REDACTED] is closely associated with subject  
 RICHICHI. RICHICHI is reportedly trying to take over assets  
 formerly owned by ETTORE ZAPPI, now deceased, of which  
 the SAINT NIGHTCLUB is one.

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A check of the Organized Crime Information System  
 (OCIS) reveals [REDACTED]

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Receiving offices are to determine subscribers to below listed numbers and thereafter conduct indices and local criminal checks.

LOS ANGELES DIVISION:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

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MIAMI DIVISION:

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA:

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NEW YORK DIVISION:

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK:

[REDACTED]

AT 183B-1216

SAN ANTONIO DIVISION:

AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS:

WFO DIVISION:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.:

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# Memorandum



To : SAC (BQ 92A-9282) (P)

Date 10/20/87

From : SA [redacted] (-16)

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Subject : GAMBINO LEN FAMILY  
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NATALE RICHICHI, SOLDIER, MAINTAINS A \$600,000 RESIDENCE IN PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, AT 1000 MURRY CANYON. THE HOME IS UNOCCUPIED UNLESS NATALE RICHICHI COMES TO CALIFORNIA. ALL UTILITIES, INCLUDING WEEKLY CLEANING CHARGES, ARE PAID BY RICHICHI'S [redacted] RESIDES IN [redacted] AND WORKS FOR [redacted] (PATRIARCHA LEN FAMILY) AT [redacted] AS [redacted] IS ONE OF THE LARGEST PORNOGRAPHY DISTRIBUTORS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. [redacted] ALSO IS FRIENDS WITH [redacted] (LUCCHESE LEN FAMILY). [redacted] OWNS A PORNOGRAPHY STORE IN LOS ANGELES.

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ANTHONY ANDREW MASCUZZIO, WHITE MALE, DOB 11/5/44, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, 5'9", 175 LBS., OWNED A RESIDENCE AT 245 PALO VERDE AVE, PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, (NOT FAR FROM NATALE RICHICHI'S RESIDENCE) DURING 1977. IT APPEARS THIS PERSON IS IDENTICAL TO ANTHONY "SHORTIE" MASCUZZIO (SOLDIER), DOB 11/7/44, A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF NATALE RICHICHI. MASCUZZIO PREVIOUSLY (1977) HELD CALIFORNIA DRIVERS LICENSE N7111803.

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[REDACTED]

GUIDO PENOSI (SOLDIER) IS STAYING WITH HIS GIRLFRIEND IN INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA UNTIL THANKSGIVING. PENOSI WILL SPEND THANKSGIVING IN FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA. PENOSI IS SPENDING MOST OF HIS TIME AT HIS GIRLFRIENDS HOUSE AND DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE VERY ACTIVE. PENOSI HAS ALSO RECENTLY MET WITH [REDACTED] W/M, DOB [REDACTED] 5'11", 145, Bn. Hgt.

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[REDACTED] ATTENDED UCLA IN 1980 AND IS [REDACTED] ANTHONY CICCONE (CAPO) DOB 7/19/34, WHO RESIDES IN STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

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[REDACTED] ASSOCIATE (OF [REDACTED] SOLDIER) IS OUT OF PRISON AND LIVING IN LOS ANGELES. [REDACTED] OWNS SEVERAL PIZZA PARLORS, CALLED [REDACTED] NEW YORK PIZZA, IN LOS ANGELES.

[REDACTED] HAS VISITED [REDACTED] SEVERAL TIMES. [REDACTED] IS A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF JOE "PINEY" ARMONE. [REDACTED] IS ALSO A BIG RECORD PROMOTER.

[REDACTED] IS PARTNERS WITH [REDACTED] (EVELAND) AND [REDACTED] (NEW JERSEY) IN A COMPANY KNOWN AS THE NETWORK, WHICH CONTROLS OVER 100 RADIO STATIONS.

[REDACTED] IS OUT OF PRISON (TAX EVASION) AND IN A HALF-WAY HOUSE. [REDACTED] WAS A CLOSE FRIEND OF ROBERT DIBERNARDO (CAPO) AND [REDACTED] OF MCA RECORDS. [REDACTED] IS IN LOS ANGELES ON PAROLE (HALF WAY HOUSE) AND ALSO VISITS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IS A CELLMATE WITH [REDACTED] (COLUMBO CAPO) IN TERMINAL ISLAND FCI, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

[REDACTED] ASSOCIATE, OF [REDACTED] WAS IN LOS ANGELES 12-15, 1987.

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DATE: 10/13/87

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (183B-1216) (SQ 10)

FROM : ADIC, NEW YORK (BQ 183B-3625) (P) (C-16)

SUBJECT: NATALE RICHICHI, aka;  
Et Al;

[REDACTED] - VICTIM;

RICO; ECT; ITOM

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Re Atlanta airtel to Miami dated 9/7/87.

Referenced Atlanta airtel set forth a lead for New York to determine telephone subscriber information for telephone number [REDACTED]. A check of COLES directory on 10/12/87, reflected the subscriber to be [REDACTED].

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[REDACTED] Indices checks for [REDACTED] were negative. New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, (NYSDMV) records, checked on 10/13/87, revealed [REDACTED] is a male, Date of Birth: (DOB) [REDACTED], height: 5'8", green eyes. On 10/13/87, a New York State Computerized Criminal History check was run on [REDACTED] with negative results.

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NEW YORK DIVISION

AT BROOKLYN-QUEENS, NEW YORK. Investigation continuing.

- 2 - Atlanta (183B-1216)
- 2 - Miami (183B-2341)
- 1 - New York (BQ-183B-3625)

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DATE: 3/14/89

TO: SAC, MIAMI (183B-2341)

FROM: ADIC, NEW YORK (BQ 183B-3625) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NATALE RICHICHI aka;  
Et Al  
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For the information of Miami, since no leads on captioned matter are outstanding at NY, this case is considered RUC.

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